

DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING OF KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL
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 Walcote, Top Street, Charlton, Worcs WR10 3LE

Held in Kington & Dormston Village Hall
Monday 13th March 2023 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr M. Tilt (Chair) Cllr I. Bull
 Cllr R. Drake Cllr V. Longmore
 Cllr P. Collins Cllr T. Richards
 Cllr S. Richins
 District & County Cllr L. Robinson

In Attendance: Clerk and one member of the public were in attendance.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None

1. **APOLOGIES-** Cllr E. Faizey sent her apologies.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** None

3. **GRANTS FOR DISPENSATION-** None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023 were approved as true and correct.

5. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**

a) **County & District Councillors Report-** Linda Robinson

Voter ID – videos and leaflets

Wychavon have produced some explainer videos to help raise awareness of the new photo ID requirement at this year's local elections. The videos can be viewed on our elections web page as well as on our social media channels. There are two Wychavon videos available for you to share: Following a change in the law you will need to show a photo ID when voting in May's local elections. Watch our guide to everything you need to know about Voter ID. You can find out more on our website at www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections. If you don't have an acceptable photo ID then you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. You will need to supply us with some basic details and a picture. Watch our guide to how to take an acceptable photo for your Voter Authority Certificate. <https://youtu.be/0-wn7eBhD00> Find out more about Voter ID at www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections

A list of acceptable ID can be found: https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections#voter_ID

Wychavon Design Code consultation

Consultations for all parts of the district are now open and the deadline for residents to have their say is 31 March 2023. You can find the consultation links and more information at www.wychavon.gov.uk/consultations

Smart Water rollout

Our community Safety Team is starting the rollout of Smart Water in Peopleton, with the aim of making it a Smart Water village.

SmartWater is a colourless liquid solution that can be applied to the surfaces of belongings and valuables, leaving a unique code which is almost impossible to remove and can only be viewed under ultraviolet light. Marked items are registered with a national database and if stolen it can conclusively prove the ownership, ensuring they are returned to the rightful owner.

The aim is to get all homes and businesses in Peopleton signed-up to SmartWater. People Charity Lands has agreed to fund seventy-five percent of each kit for every household in the Parish of Peopleton. The other twenty-five percent funding will be coming from the Police Crime Commissioner.

South Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership will also be putting up signs informing people it is a Smart Water protected area. Peopleton Parish Council has arranged a public meeting with Inspector Wise to discuss the recent crimes in the village and Smart Water, on Thursday 2 March at Peopleton Village Hall. If there is a village in your area interested in becoming a SmartWater village then please ask them to email communitysafety@wychavon.gov.uk

We're tired of fly-tipping, aren't you? A load of 500 used tyres were dumped on a layby off the A44 between Broadway and Wickhamford on 25 November. This cost £6,000 of public money to clean up.

We are appealing for people to come forward who might have information or have seen something to contact our Community and Environmental Protection Team cepo@wychavon.gov.uk. Residents and businesses can help to stop fly-tipping by following the SCRAP code. Only use properly licensed waste disposal companies, refuse offers from those who aren't, ask how they will dispose of your waste and get paperwork and receipts from them. You can report fly-tipping and find out more at www.wychavon.gov.uk/fly-tipping

6. HIGHWAYS

Cllrs reported a number of pothole issues for the Clerk to report on the A422 on the left-hand side of the road from North Piddle turn off to Grafton and by the bridge the road has sunk- report again to Highways as in January they inspected the area with no issues.

7. LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk shared the lengthsmans' resignation and that the position had been advertised on the Worcestershire Calc website with a closing date of 25th March- Mr Farnsworth finishes on 1st April.

8. PLANNING

a. Applications considered at the meeting:

W/22/02619/HP	Little Fallow Cockshot Lane Dormston Kington Worcester WR7 4DN	Rear extension to an attached garden shed.	No comment
W/23/00166/FUL	Mill House Residential Care Home Kington Lane Kington Worcester WR7 4DG	Proposed Ancilliary Annex on site for Staff Accommodation	No comment
W/23/00306/FUL	Brockington Cottage Kington Lane Kington Worcester WR7 4DH	Proposed replacement dwelling and carport.	Objection

b. Applications approved since previous meeting: None

9. FINANCE –

a) The following payments were approved by all Cllrs:

Luke Farnsworth	Lengthsman Dec/Jan	£300.00	Cheque 000542
Lisa Cope	Salary	£422.80	Cheque 000543
HMRC	Lisa Cope Tax	£105.60	Cheque 000544
Lisa Cope	Expenses	£74.77	Cheque 000545
Limebridge	Trees and planting	£705.60	Cheque 000546
Andrew Deptford	Defib pads	£138.00	Cheque 000547

b) The bank balance as of 15/02/2023 is £6,579.77

c) Cllr Tilt proposed Mrs Pat Powell to audit the end of year accounts if she is willing- all Cllrs agreed and the Clerk is to ask Mrs Powell

10. PROPOSED JBM SOLAR FARM

All Cllrs agreed to object to the below proposed planning application:

W/23/00270/FUL	Land At (Os 9911 5879) Earls Common Road Stock Green	Construction of a Solar Farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) facility together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure.	Pending Decision
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Cllr Longmore suggested a joint response from the three Parish Councils involved and Cllr Tilt and others all agreed- Clerk to contact the other Parish Councils to suggest this and a date which it is to be submitted.

11. SMARTWATER

Cllr Tilt suggested that this initiative be re-visited at a later date as not much response had been received from parishioners as yet.

12. FLAG POLE

Cllr Robinson offered funds to purchase the new pole however the location was yet to be confirmed- Clerk to set up a site meeting with the Village Hall committee.

13. ADDITIONAL DOG BIN

Costings had been confirmed from Wychavon for a new dog bin of £523.78 initial outlay and then £67.02 per annum servicing however the Clerk is still awaiting a response on whether Wychavon will provide the bin as there is no dog bin currently in either Kington or Dormston- Cllr Robinson to follow up.

14. ELECTIONS

The Clerk explained how every four years there is an election and all current councillors will need to re-stand for election which takes place on 4th May 2023.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk presented Wychavon correspondence detailing a £200 fund to celebrate the Kings Coronation. At present the Parish Council were not planning on arranging a celebration as such but would see if the Church, Pub or Village Hall committee have anything planned. A commemorative gift for the children in the village would be researched (possibly a coin) with it being estimated there is approx. 15 children in the village- Cllr Richards to confirm numbers.

16. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Drake checked that the defibrillator is replenished following an incident last week- Clerk confirmed that new pads had been purchased and placed in the machine.

Cllr Drake report that he had attended the Inkberrow Solar Farm Meeting along with Cllr Richins and the attendance was large with lots of interest from residents.

Cllr Drake highlighted that the ditches that run along properties in Cockshot Lane need clearing regularly to prevent flooding and homeowners may need reminding that it is their responsibility to keep clear- Clerk to share to the What's On article.

Cllr Collins suggested that the Kington noticeboard may need replacing- Clerk to research costings.

Cllr Collins stated that Kington Lane is breaking up and may need re-surfacing this hasn't been done in some years- Clerk to report to Linda and Highways.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting was agreed for Tuesday 9th May 2023 starting at 7:00pm in the Village Hall, this is the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7:30pm

Signed Chairman.....

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